

DRAFT MINUTES

STATEWIDE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, December 4, 2013

12:00 Noon – 2:00 p.m.

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Members Present: Madeline Colon, Treasurer; Liz Graves, Secretary & State Plan Chair; Margaret Molloy, NAC Chair; Jack Ringland, Acting Council Chair.

Members Absent: Rick Costa, Council Chair (leave of absence); Vincent DeJesus, 2nd Vice Chair.

Staff Present: Camille Pansa, Administrator.

Guest/Public: Laurie DiOrio; Ron Racine.

Interpreter: Carol Fay.

Meeting called to order at 12:05 p.m. A quorum was present.

1. Welcome and Introductions: Jack Ringland stated that although guests are welcome at open meetings, this was an Executive Committee meeting with a pre-set agenda. Guests may only speak during 'public comment'. He also reminded members to speak one at a time, raise their hand before speaking, and state their names. He welcomed everyone and self-introductions were made.

2. Public Comment: Laurie DiOrio stated that there may be a legal

issue with hiring Rick Costa as the Executive Coordinator since he signed the RISILC Contract with the DHS. She referred to Paragraph # 17 of the contract and stated that a conflict of interest may exist if the Contractor, who signed the contract, becomes an employee and benefits from the budget through the salary. Since the hiring process is on hold, it was decided to defer the issue until the ruling is received from the Ethics Commission.

3. Minutes of September 4th, October 2nd and November 20th; minutes previously sent. A motion was made by Madeline Colon and seconded by Margie Molloy to approve the September minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously. A motion was made by Margie Molloy and seconded by Madeline Colon to approve the September minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously. Jack Ringland suggested a change to the November minutes Item #4, second motion, that “support pending litigation by writing a letter of support to the RI Board of Ethics” be restated as “support pending litigation if information was requested by the Ethics Commission”. A motion was made by Margie Molloy and seconded by Liz Graves to accept the November minutes as amended. Motion passed unanimously.

4. Review December 2013 and January 2014 calendar:

December 4: Executive Committee

December 11: Quarterly, Warwick Library 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

January 8: Executive Committee 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

January 15: NAC 10:00 a.m. – Noon

January 22: Finance Committee 12:30 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.

5. Votes:

NCIL Membership: A motion was made by Liz Graves and seconded by Margie Molloy to renew the NCIL membership (\$143). Vote passed unanimously.

PARI's PAAT Program: Support for the program was tabled pending information as to whether this is an allowable expense.

6. Status of Executive Coordinator's position: No date has been disclosed for Rick Costa's hearing with the Ethics Commission. In the meantime, Camille Pansa will continue as Administrator.

7. Annual Meeting: The meeting was good and well attended. The agenda for the December Quarterly meeting was finalized.

8. Reports:

Senior Journal: Liz Graves reported that the Senior Journal interview she and Rick Costa attended went well. It aired several times over the week's period. The interview will be posted on the RISILC website and a copy is also available for those who are interested.

Finance Committee Report: The ongoing delays in receiving the resource funding were discussed. The problem lies with the State processing the purchase order and releasing the funds on time. The delays present a hardship for the Council. Madeline Colon will review the books following the January Finance meeting.

Needs Assessment Committee: Margie Molloy reported that in

September and October, the members worked on the Needs Assessment Survey revision. They will meet again in January.

State Plan Committee: The 704 Report is nearly complete. Missing sections will be added to have the final draft and presented at the December Quarterly meeting. Liz Graves thanked the Committee members for their cooperation and getting the sections in on time. She noted that only one meeting was needed to assign the parts to individuals responsible. With the Council's approval, the report will be sent to RSA (Rehabilitation Services Administration) prior to the December 31st due date. The next meeting will be January 31st from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 Noon.

9. Old Business/ New Business/ Announcements:

Jack Ringland attends the Cross Disability Coalition meetings every month. It is a good community contact to gather information on issues of concern, such as informing potential employers of the benefits of hiring people with disabilities.

Meeting adjourned at 2:00 p.m.

Liz Graves

Secretary